

TO "INTERESTED CITIZEN."

"Interested Citizen" is again heard from through the columns of the *Capital*, and, as before, he attempts no reply to the arguments or facts presented by the *Advocate* upon the freight rate decision. He assumes that it made a reduction of from 16 to 25 cents on the articles to which it related which would inure to the benefit of the consumer, but he is extremely careful not to introduce a single fact to sustain such a conclusion. The one important fact in which the citizens of Topeka are most "interested" is that if the ruling of the board should stand, it would render it impossible for a wholesale grocer of this city to sell the goods affected by it west of Strong City on the Santa Fe, and west of Manhattan or Junction City on the Union Pacific, as goods could be shipped from the east to Wichita and Salina and returned to the above named points cheaper than they could be shipped to Topeka and be forwarded from here. This is the effect of the ruling upon the business interests of Topeka, and "Interested Citizen" would "stand up" for Topeka by sustaining this infamous ruling simply because Geo. T. Anthony is a candidate of the "stand up" crowd, and must therefore be sustained in everything, whether right or wrong.

The *Capital* in publishing these communications and maintaining silence upon the subject in its editorial columns, leaves the reader in doubt as to its own sentiments. Please let us have an editorial opinion. We want to know whether the *Capital* itself will sustain this ruling of the board; and the business men of Topeka are likewise anxious to know its attitude towards their business interests. Let us hear from you.

THE TOPEKA *ADVOCATE*, which is running a "campaign of education" this week devotes about fourteen columns to shameless personal abuse of republican candidates.

Is it shameless abuse of your candidates to publish what your own party says about them? Is it shameless abuse to publish a record of their official acts as they themselves have recorded it? Just show us a single false or incorrect statement we have made about your candidates and we agree here and now to correct it. If you can't do this don't kick. You don't seem to be as fond of old records as you were in 1890.

Will some good lawyer—republican lawyer—tell us whether or not the governor has a constitutional right to delegate his official power to a clerk in his office? Or is the governor supposed to be at his office, attending to his duties? Some convicted jointist might be sadly disappointed if the sheriff who keeps him should refuse to recognize the rubber stamp signature made in the governor's absence.

AND now the Kansas City *Times* essays to criticize John Davis finance and nationalist doctrines. The *Times* is a very good newspaper, but a little of what it doesn't know about political economy and the science of government would be more interesting

than what its editorial columns are now burdened with. The dear old *Times* should stick to tariff reform and stand up for Missouri.

KANSAS POLITICS.

Some Pointers Dished Up for "Advocate" Readers.

A. A. Newman, member of the present house, was nominated for probate judge by the Populists of Clay county last week.

Those who want speeches by Senator Peffer should address the chairman of the state committee, who is fixing all his dates.

Mrs. Johns has made arrangements with the republican committee for a number of dates to speak in the state, beginning at Council Grove September 10.

Senator Peffer arrived home last Thursday, and has been enjoying himself receiving old friends and getting ready for campaign work. In fact, he is already at work.

Dr. Walling broke away from Kansas long enough to attend the barbecue and picnic at Sheridan, O. T., on the 27th. About 3,000 people listened to the address.

The Topeka *Capital* is charged with basely conspiring with the People's party and securing the withdrawal of Abraham Lincoln Nichols in the Third district in order to accomplish the defeat of Mr. Humphrey.

John A. Eaton withdrew from the judicial race in the Thirteenth district in order to smooth over a question of geographical location of the candidate. Elk county people will name the judge or they "won't play."

The *Jeffersonian* reports that all efforts to find more than one democrat in Douglas county who is going to vote the republican ticket have failed. That one is a protection-prohibition democrat and is paid \$100 a month for being one.

After spending a week in Kansas, S. M. Scott started last Friday for his return to Tennessee, where he will put in another month at campaign work. He says the People will take Tennessee this year and elect Buchanan governor.

A. N. Jackson writes from the little town of Gypsum, Saline county: "Yesterday, September 3, was a grand day for us. The lowest estimates place the size of the crowd at 2,500 to 3,000. Lewelling's and Snyder's speeches gave entire satisfaction. Enclosed find twenty-three names with money order."

The district meetings the republican state and congressional committees had so long advertised for September 1 were dismal failures. At Emporia, where the greatest effort was made to get out a crowd, and where Senator Perkins was advertised to be and was, there were less than a thousand people in attendance.

Here is another mild but palpable touch from the republican Lawrence *Record*: "No state administration has ever met with such utter and deserved contempt as that of Lyman U. Humphrey. It should be a warning to our people never again to elect to office men who have once proved recreant to public trusts. Better, a thousand times, that the party should be temporarily defeated than that unfit men should be placed in office by it."

Grand Encampment at Washington.

On the occasion of the G. A. R. grand encampment at Washington, D. C., September 20, 1893, the Union Pacific will sell tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip. These tickets are good going until September 30, and good returning until October 12. See your nearest Union Pacific agent.

REPUBLICAN HYPOCRISY.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

The subject of my discourse will be hypocrisy, republican hypocrisy, too. I will choose for my text, Matthew xxiii, 23: O, ye generation of vipers, how shall ye escape the damnation of hell!

Now, that is rather tough I'll admit, but I have searched the Bible through and through and I can't find anything that handles hypocrisy any easier. The Lord never deals with hypocrisy on any "straddle the fence" basis. The republican party has had a weakness for hypocrisy for over twenty years, but it was during the last four years that this jimson weed extract has been adopted as their official elixir of life.

During the winter of 1888-89 a number of rather annoying questions from the farmers' alliance set the g. o. p.'s white-washed soul to throbbing like a Waterbury watch, and it became necessary for them to take something for it. As the damnable methods of the republican state central committee began to be exposed to the startled citizens of Kansas, thousands began to inquire with increasing apprehension, "What shall the harvest be?" Events now began to transpire with startling rapidity. Men who but a few weeks before would have cut their grandfather's throat rather than vote for the "other fellow," rose from Sillam's troubled waters resolved to sin no more. In communities where once the g. o. p. could gather in the dear people like leaves of the forest, by a well directed bray on the tariff question, they might now whoop it up till the "cows come home" without getting a quorum. The republicans could not meet this landslide by any fair argument. Too much argument was just what had caused the revolution. Then they tried to stem the resistless flood by saying funny (?) things about the alliance, but somehow this style of resistance seemed to bag at the knees, too. So they dragged their mangled carcass together, got inoculated with hypocrisy elixir and turned themselves loose on the country to blight and to blast, for the g. o. p. had to be saved some way, you know.

Honest farmers who had never evaded paying a debt in their lives, came to town to be informed that they were repudiators. They were sneered at as "lazy defaulters" by a lot of street corner loafers who have not paid a store bill since they came to Kansas. A "God and morality" editor who had been getting the county printing at his own price for twenty years, would come sneaking out of the back door of the "Great Spirit" saloon, and ask the farmers if they wanted the earth? Some contemptible local black-mailer, whom nobody would trust out of sight with a broken monkey-wrench, would be placed on a dry goods box to inform the farmers that they had injured "our" credit so badly that he could not borrow a dollar anywhere. And all these vile lies were heralded to the country as a "campaign of education." All this great outburst of "facts and figures" was hurled at the alliance irrespective of politics.

How is it with you, Mr. Allanceman, who wants the alliance kept out of politics? How do you enjoy the insults which were heaped upon us in the early days of the alliance? But the alliance is not a political organization, you say. You must remember that when the alliance was organized, nobody imagined that the old parties who were so busy tearing each other to pieces would join hands to wipe up a non-political organization. The old parties forced us into politics by their bitter opposition and abuse of our order. Don't you feel rather small sometimes, Mr. Alliance-Republican, when you are required to join the cowardly enemies of

our order in cursing the principles you once swore to defend? After shouting yourself hoarse over some of the reptiles who fought our order by every hellish means they could devise, do you ever think of the time when in the presence of God, you swore that you would never, no never, forsake our principles? You are trying to work out our salvation in the old parties, are you? It don't look much like it, when you are supporting a renegade alliance man on a platform that curses every principle you pretend to defend. It looks rather suspicious to see you tumbling over each other to get nominated on a platform that exhausts the English language in cursing the principles you claim to espouse. No, there is nothing to keep you from supporting the g. o. p. If you want to, but you are not doing much for the advancement of our order when you vote with the party whose highest ambition seems to be to defame and misrepresent us.

Did you ever hear one of our defamers stop talking about our country's prosperity long enough to pay some of his debts? Isn't it rather odd that Geo. T. Anthony can't stop abusing the "hayseed repudiators" long enough to return some of that swag to the New York school fund? Did you ever see anything in an alliance or People's party platform that hinted at repudiation? Isn't it rather tough to be called a repudiator by a republican editor who began life by absconding with the intrinsic value of an eastern bank and who has been laying up treasures in his wife's name ever since?

Who shall we call the defamers of Kansas? Shall it be the honest farmers and laborers whose industry and honesty have made ours the most progressive and respected of all states, or shall it be the street corner slanderers and "two-for-a-cent" editors whose business it is to misrepresent and abuse those whose forbearance and generosity allow them to exist? When the legislature proposed to reduce the salaries of county officers, the republicans were loud in their wall lest no competent men would serve for \$1,200 per year. They seem to think that a man's ability as an official should be judged by his appetite for salary.

In 1888, the g. o. p. howled themselves into hysterics over the danger of free wool. They told us of the ruin that would overwhelm the farmers if the free wool of South America was turned loose on this country. When the republicans won the Oregon election in June, 1888, every g. o. p. organ was decorated with a free wool cartoon. And, by the way, have you heard of any republican paper indulging in a cartoon over the Oregon election in June, this year? No, of course you have not, but there has been an "outburst of silence" over this election that echoes from Pike's Peak to New Jersey. And here is another odd fact: Have you noticed how little we hear lately about southern alliance men sticking to the democratic party? The fact that the leading republican papers say that the People's party will carry about nine southern states, together with the alarming news from the Corsicana district down in Texas, seems to have struck the g. o. p. just below where the belt ought to be. But I must return to my text. When the g. o. p. got into power they passed the reciprocity act which opens our ports to the products of South America as soon as these nations are willing to admit, free of duty, a few tin horns and half-pint whisky bottles of the Americanized McKinley patent. We don't hear so much about free wool this year. Then the tariff was said to be such a godsend to the farmers, too. It served to prevent the pauper labor pro-